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News Release

City Council to Hold Public Hearing on the Future of Civic Stadium

On Monday, April 25, 2011, the Eugene City Council will hold a public hearing to provide an opportunity for community members and others to offer input on the future of Civic Stadium, including the potential role for the City of Eugene. The hearing will be at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

The hearing will follow the usual rules for a City Council public hearing. People wishing to speak in the hearing should arrive between 7:15 and 7:30 to sign up. Each person signed in will be allowed 3 minutes for their statement. No signs are allowed in the Council Chamber.

BACKGROUND

A majority of the City Council on March 16, 2011, adopted a motion to explore providing input to the Eugene 4J School District on disposition of the Civic Stadium property. Specifically, the City Council directed the City Manager to ask whether 4J would accept input on the Civic Stadium site and asked the Mayor to convene a committee to develop a recommendation. The council motion included the following language: *The council recognizes the value that historic properties contribute to community character and livability and is aware of the needs of the 4J School District. The committee would explore a possible public/private/nonprofit collaboration for the repair and repurposing of Civic Stadium and the redevelopment of the rest of the site.*

An ad hoc committee met on April 8. Among those joining Mayor Kitty Piercy and Councilors George Brown and Alan Zelenka were representatives from the Save Civic Stadium group, Master Development LLC, the Eugene YMCA, and Friendly Area Neighbors. A recommendation for a public/private/nonprofit collaboration did not emerge in the meeting.

The council held a work session on April 13, at which Councilors Zelenka and Brown presented more detailed information about the proposal from the Save Civic Stadium group. The council agreed to conduct a public hearing and schedule a follow-up work session to discuss a potential recommendation to 4J.

The Eugene 4J School Board is expected to hold regular and executive meetings in April and May leading to possible selection of a finalist for acquisition of Civic Stadium properties.

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